

## Sample Persuasive Piece

### The Van

Do you know why the kids who ride H-11 get to school after the bell rings and occasionally after 8:15? because it gets dropped off down by the gym. It takes longer than you think to walk all the way from one end of the school to the other and that is what you are doing. Not only does it make you late but it is tiring

I am always real tired in the morning because I have to get up real early to catch the bus. Then you have walk 440 feet just to get to your class room. I want to have the van dropped off where all the other buses get dropped off.

You might wonder why I want this. Well, one of the reasons is that you might not think it but it is tiring to have to walk all that way from one end of the school to the other and that is basically what you are doing.

Another reason is if you are riding the bus in the afternoon you almost have to run because the bus leaves right after the bell. It would be really helpful if you told the bus driver to wait a few minutes or until all of the kids who are riding are on the bus.

I guarantee that fewer kids will miss the bus. I have missed the bus at least twice this year and I haven't missed the bus once before this year. This is the first year that the bus has dropped kids off by the gym. I am not just talking about me. It has happened to my brother is no coincidence. Almost every single kid on my bus has missed the bus since it has started getting dropped off at the gym.

It would give the kids who ride the van a lot more time to talk too each other and be friendly. It would make the kids who ride the van feel normal like every other kid who rids the bus. All you need to do to make these things happen is make the van get dropped off where all the other buses get dropped off. It would make everybody happier. Even the kids who don't ride the van because they will have time to talk to their friends who ride the van.

I know that it would be a lot more crowded up there and we would get home later but you could fix that by making the kids who ride the van get out of school right at the bell and then the bus could leave before it gets really crowded.

It would not only benefit the kids who ride the van it could actually be more safe. There are lot of ways kids could get hurt and a lot of them would be fixed if you had the van get dropped off where all the other buses get dropped off because there are teachers to supervise up there. Also, it is just safer in general because no cars are aloud past the second sign so kids

can not get run over or hit by a car. But down by the gym there are no restrictions of where cars can go so you have a better chance of getting run over or hit by a car.

Kids will get a whole lot more fresh air because they get to stand outside.

None of the kids who ride my bus like getting dropped off at the gym.

It is really tiring to walk all the 440 feet to just get to the bus in the afternoon after a long day of school. You can take one fourth of that distance off by one simple change. That's right if you make the van dropped off where all the other buses get dropped off it is only 330 feet.

It won't even cost you any money. Please consider it. Every kid who rides my bus from the ray school will thank you.

Just imagine how many kids you could make happy with this simple change. All the kids who ride my bus will be really grateful. Trust me everyone will thank you.

## Sample Prewriting Exercise

### Arguments and Counterarguments for “The Van”

Topic: Make the van get dropped off and pick up in the regular place again.

Reasons for:

1. Kids won't miss bus
2. Kids who ride the van won't feel different
3. more fresh air
4. kids feel normal
5. kids happier
6. kids won't have to walk as far
7. time to talk with friends
8. interact with other kids
9. teachers can watch over kids so they won't get into trouble.
10. safer area for kids

Reasons against:

1. more kids who could get in to fights
2. more cars/buses that could be dangerous
3. It would be more crowded and it would take longer for the van to get out of the parking lot.